

It is a clear abuse of power for the Sinclair group to air such a biased opinion piece this close to an election. While of course I would complain less were the piece from my own political viewpoint, it would still be an abuse of power. Though the situation would be made moderately better should an equally strong anti-Bush piece be aired in a similar time slot, I think that ideally neither piece should be played. I wish that the average viewer were more active in their opinion-forming process, the truth is that what is put out by their local media station is often what they believe. It is simply wrong for the people to have only one opinion voiced by this local media source, particularly in something so crucial and so subjective as a presidential candidate. I am not versed in media law or policy; while I know that this is a biased smear tactic, I don't know what can be done about it. However, I urge you to do all that is in your power to create a level playing field for both political candidates. If nothing else, "consider" the issue until the elections are over. It is up to the individuals in power, such as yourselves, to not only enforce the letter of the law but also to individually take whatever actions possible to defend the principles of freedom and democracy that this country was created to uphold.

Thank you very much.